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FROM THE SECRETARY.

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I MET THIS NOON WITH COUVE, LLOYD AND VONBRENTANO. LLOYD
LEAVING FOR LONDON TONIGHT AND VONBRENTANO FOR BONN.

WE WERE AGREED THAT BY CLOSE TODAY'S SESSIONS FORMAL SPEECHES
PRESENTING WESTERN PLAN AND SOVIET TREATY PROPOSAL, REBUTTALS
AND COUNTER REBUTTALS HAD CARRIED CONFERENCE ABOUT AS FAR
AS IT COULD GO IN THIS SEMI-PUBLIC PHASE. CONTINUATION CONFER-
ENCE NEXT WEEK ON SAME BASIS WOULD BE REPETITIOUS AND STERILE.
IT WAS ACCORDINGLY AGREED THAT ONE OF WESTERN MINISTERS WOULD
SOUND OUT GROMYKO EARLY NEXT WEEK ON PRIVATE MEETING WITH
RESTRICTED NUMBERS IN ONE OF VILLAS. GERMAN ADVISERS WOULD
NOT BE INCLUDED AND FROM PAST HINTS GROMYKO WOULD NOT OBJECT
TO THIS ASPECT.

HAVING ALREADY AGREED WITH LLOYD THAT PROGRESS IN NUCLEAR
TEST NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS SOVIET TICKET TO
SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH THEY STILL GIVE IMPRESSION OF DEFINITELY
DESIRING, AREAS OF POSSIBLE PROGRESS PROBABLY LIE IN AGREEMENT
TO RESTART DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN SOME APPROPRIATE
FORUM AND/OR AT LEAST OUTLINE OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD IMPROVE
SITUATION IN BERLIN WITHOUT IMPAIRMENT WESTERN LEGAL RIGHTS.

BY AGREEMENT COUVE WILL SPEAK THIS AFTERNOON IN CONFERENCE ON

BERLIN

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BERLIN ELEMENT OF WESTERN PLAN. EXPECTATION IS THIS WILL DRAW
REPLY FROM GROMYKO MONDAY, AFTER WHICH WE WILL BE IN BETTER
POSITION TO JUDGE TERRAIN.

MEANWHILE COORDINATING GROUP WILL MEET OVER WEEKEND AND FOUR
WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET MONDAY MORNING TO EXCHANGE
MORE MATURED THOUGHTS ABOVE SUBJECTS AND REACH AGREED LINE
WHICH COUVE WILL PRESENT ON BEHALF OF ALL TO GROMYKO AT
BILATERAL LUNCH ON MONDAY TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN INVITED.

VONBRENTANO EXPRESSED EXTREME UNEASINESS AT IMPLICATIONS OF
ANY THOUGHT SEEKING FROM GROMYKO ASSURANCE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE
NO UNILATERAL ACTION WITH RESPECT TO WEST BERLIN UNTIL AFTER
SUMMIT MEETING ON GROUNDS THIS GAVE SOVIETS FREE HAND AT CON-
CLUSION ANY SUMMIT MEETING AND IN A SENSE PLACED WESTERN
PARTICIPANTS UNDER PRESSURE. HE EXPRESSED MARKED PREFERENCE
FOR ANY PROVISIONAL ASSURANCES FROM SOVIETS TAKING FORM OF
EXPLICIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT WESTERN RIGHTS OF PRESENCE AND ACCESS
BERLIN.

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*Herter - I think there
Dillon - don't make a
would be considerable
askings. Remember to assume no
cumulative action until completion
of summit meeting. To make much
of a request. I think
acknowledgment
of their right. I think
was a hard money*

*Herter, Dillon, Couve, Gromyko, etc.
they do it, then on not stand.*

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